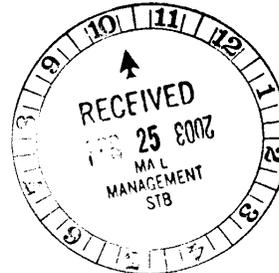


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**RE: Request to Extend Negotiation Period for NITU with regard to that portion of the Skokie Industrial Lead extending from M.P. 12.81 to M.P. 13.64 in Skokie, Illinois -- Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 167X), Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption - In Cook County, IL (Skokie Industrial Lead in Skokie, IL)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") that the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR") has been negotiating with the Village of Skokie for an interim trail use/railbanking agreement for that portion of the Skokie Industrial Lead (the "Line") from M.P. 12.81 to M.P. 13.64 (the "South Segment").

The Village of Skokie by letter dated February 13, 2003 is requesting an additional 180 days to complete negotiations. (See Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.) The UPRR supports the Village of Skokie's request and desires to pursue the ongoing negotiations.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

cc: Rail Services Update  
6343 Merritt Ridge  
Madison, WI 53718-3118

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
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Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment in Cook County,  
Illinois, STB Docket Number AB-33 (Sub-No. 167X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

On August 21, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") granted a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment (NITU) for a portion of a line of railroad owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, known as the Skokie Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 12.81 to milepost 13.64 in Skokie, Illinois.

The Village of Skokie has been negotiating with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for an interim trail use/rail banking agreement for this portion of the Skokie Industrial Lead for development as a multi-use path. Although significant progress has been made toward an agreement, additional time is needed to complete negotiations. Therefore, the Village of Skokie requests that the Board grant an extension of the NITU negotiating period for an additional 180 days. Mr. Jim Harrel, Senior Real Estate Manager for Union Pacific stated that Union Pacific has no objection to the extension.

Respectfully,

James Cox  
Planner

On behalf of The Village of Skokie

CC: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Sr. General Atty., Union Pacific Railroad Co.  
Jim Harrel, Sr. Real Estate Mgr., Union Pacific Railroad Co.

